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SUBJECT: LARG NOTE RE ATTACK ON C-130

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FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF MFA
NOTE DATED MARCH 28 WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO EMBASSY
MARCH 29 AND RETURNED TO MFA SAME DAY. PHOTO COPY OF
ORIGINAL ARABIC BEING POUCHED TODAY.

QUOTE: MEMORANDUM. WHILE STRONGLY REJECTING
THE AMERICAN PROTEST WE PLACE IN FRONT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PEACE - AND FREEDOM-
LOVING PEOPLES THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
REPRESENTS A CONTINUING AGGRESSION AGAINST THE
PEOPLES OF THE REGION.
2. THE RECONNAISSANCE AND ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS
WHICH THE AMERICAN SIXTH FLEET UNDERTAKES ALONG
(OUR) SHORES BY MEANS OF ITS AIRCRAFT AND NAVAL UNITS
REPRESENT AN AGGRESSION AGAINST US AND AN ACT CLEARLY
SUSPICIOUS AND PROVOCATIVE VIS- A- VIS OUR NATIONAL AND
(ARAB) PATRIOTIC FEELINGS.

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3. THE AMERICAN ELECTRONIC RECONNAISSANCE AND ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT PENETRATED THE TERRITORIAL WATER OF THE LAR FIVE TIMES.

4. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT AMERICAN ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT HAVE PENETRATED THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF SMALL POWERS; EACH TIME AMERICA DISGUISED THIS DEED AND DENIED IT, HOWEVER IT WAS EXPOSED IN MANY REGIONS WHEN THESE PLANES WERE BROUGHT DOWN.

5. WHEN AMERICAN REALIZED ITS CRIME AND CAME TO KNOW THAT LAR PLANES CARRYING OUT TRAINING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS WITNESSED THE ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT, AMERICA FABRICATED THIS INVENTION AND CLAIMED THAT THESE PLANES OPENED FIRE ON IT.

6. THE AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE AND ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT WAS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE LAR AND THIS ACT EXPOSES OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR (ARAB) NATION TO DANGER AND VIOLATION.

7. THE PLANES THAT WERE CARRYING OUT TRAINING IN OUR TERRITORIAL WATERS REQUESTED THE ESPIONAGE AIRCRAFT TO LAND AND SHOWED IT THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SIGNS HOWEVER (THE AIRCRAFT) RESORTED TO FLIGHT WHICH VERY MUCH RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MISSION OF THE AIRCRAFT WHICH VIOLATED OUR TERRITORIAL WATERS.

8. IT IS NOT REASONABLE THAT MODERN FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OPEN FIRE ON AN AIRPLANE OF THIS SIZE AND OF THIS SLOW SPEED AND NOT HIT IT. IN THIS REGARD, WE MUST CONFIRM THAT OUR PLANES DID NOT OPEN FIRE ON THE ESPIONAGE PLANE, BUT RATHER THEY REQUESTED THAT IT IDENTIFY ITSELF AND THAT IT LAND. VISA- A- VIS THESE FACTS ONE WONDERS WHETHER AMERICA WANTS TO MAKE A FOOL OF THE WORLD OR MAKE A FOOL OF ITSELF WHEN IT RUSHED TO ANNOUNCE, IN ORDER TO CONCEAL ITS AGGRESSIVE ACT, CLAIMING FIRSTLY THAT ITS PLANE WAS A TRANSPORT PLANE AND THAT IT WAS OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT OPENED FIRE ON IT.

WE IMPLORE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD TO STOP THE
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AMERICAN VIOLATIONS AND CONSPIRACIES AGAINST THE SMALL

PEOPLES BY MEANS OF ITS PLANES AND NAVAL UNITS. WE
CONFIRM WE ARE NOT AMONG THE SUBJUGATED PEOPLES
WHOSE DEFENSE AMERICA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR -- FREE PEOPLES
DO NOT NEED AMERICA TO DEFEND THEM. INSTEAD THEY NEED
AMERICA TO STOP ITS THREATS AND ITS CONTINUOUS
VIOLATIONS OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, THEIR SEAS, AND THEIR
AIR SPACE.

BY ITS SPYING ON US AND ITS VIOLATION OF THE
SANCTITY OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND FABRICATING WHAT
IT FABRICATED AMERICA WANTS, BY ALL THIS,
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